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Top Class Education for SC Students
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top Class Education for SC students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated and released under the scheme along with the number of SC students benefitted during the last three years and the current year, institute and State-wise;

(c) whether SC students studying in minority institutions have been deprived of this facility;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the revision/improvement likely to be brought about by the Government in the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a): Yes, Madam, Under the scheme "Top Class Education for SC Students", the SC students, who have secured admission in institutions which have been notified for this purpose by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and whose total family income is Rs. 4.50 Lakh or less may be awarded the scholarships subject to the number of slots awarded to the concerned institute to meet the requirement for :
(i) full tuition fee and non-refundable charges (there will be a ceiling of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per annum per student for private sector institutions and Rs. 3.72 lakhs per annum per student for the private sector flying clubs for Commercial Pilot Training).
(ii) living expenses to the beneficiary @ Rs.2,220/- per month per student.
(iii) books and stationery @ Rs. 3,000/- per annum per student.
(iv) a computer with accessories like UPS, Printer, Multi-media limited to Rs.45,000/- per student as one time assistance during the course.
(b): Budget allocation of Rs. 24.7 crore for 2013-14, Rs.21.00 crore for 2014-15, Rs. 31.42 crore for 2015-16 and Rs.21.00 crore for 2016-17 was made under the scheme. The release was Rs. 23.70 crore for 2013-14, Rs. 19.3 crore for 2014-15, Rs. 29.77 crore for 2015-16 and Rs. 17.85 crore for 2016-17 (as on 01.12.2016). The details of funds released and number of SC students benefitted during the last three years and current year, institute-wise and state-wise is annexed (Annexure-I).
(c) & (d): Top class institute are empanelled for availing benefits under the scheme by the Steering Committee constituted by this Ministry wherein Ministries of Tribal Affairs, Human Resource Development, Health and University Grants Commission are represented. If any institute seeks to be empanelled, their proposal is examined by the Committee. Minority institutions offering courses where SC students are admitted can seek to be empanelled for availing benefits of the Scheme.
(e): The scheme was last reviewed on 17.06.2016 and 175 institutes are notified under the scheme.